

Introduced by Senator McClintock

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An act to amend Section 13012 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal justice statistics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1261, as introduced, McClintock. Criminal justice statistics.

Under current law the Department of Justice is required to collect specified criminal justice information from local law enforcement agencies and prepare an annual report presenting the collected data.

This bill would specifically require the department to collect data relating to crimes reported, number of clearances, and clearance rates reported by local law enforcement agencies. This bill would further require that this report shall be contained on the Department of Criminal Justice Statistics Center Web site homepage, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13012 of the Penal Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 13012. The annual report of the department provided for in
- 4 Section 13010 shall contain statistics showing all of the
- 5 following:
- 6 (a) The amount and the types of offenses known to the public
- 7 authorities.
- 8 (b) The personal and social characteristics of criminals and
- 9 delinquents.

1 (c) The administrative actions taken by law enforcement,
2 judicial, penal, and correctional agencies or institutions,
3 including those in the juvenile justice system, in dealing with
4 criminals or delinquents.

5 (d) The administrative actions taken by law enforcement,
6 prosecutorial, judicial, penal, and correctional agencies,
7 including those in the juvenile justice system, in dealing with
8 minors who are the subject of a petition or hearing in the juvenile
9 court to transfer their case to the jurisdiction of an adult criminal
10 court or whose cases are directly filed or otherwise initiated in an
11 adult criminal court.

12 (e) The number of citizens' complaints received by law
13 enforcement agencies under Section 832.5. These statistics shall
14 indicate the total number of these complaints, the number
15 alleging criminal conduct of either a felony or misdemeanor, and
16 the number sustained in each category. The report shall not
17 contain a reference to any individual agency but shall be by gross
18 numbers only.

19 (f) *Crimes reported, number of clearances, and clearance*
20 *rates reported by individual law enforcement agencies. The*
21 *report in this subdivision shall be contained on the Department*
22 *of Justice Criminal Justice Statistics Center Web site homepage*
23 *located at <http://caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/index.htm>. The report shall*
24 *be made available through a hypertext link prominently*
25 *displayed on the Web site. The link, which will also serve as*
26 *notification of the availability of the statistical information*
27 *specified in this subdivision, shall state: "Click here to compare*
28 *the crime and clearance rates of individual law enforcement*
29 *agencies."*

30 It shall be the duty of the department to give adequate
31 interpretation of the statistics and so to present the information
32 that it may be of value in guiding the policies of the Legislature
33 and of those in charge of the apprehension, prosecution, and
34 treatment of the criminals and delinquents, or concerned with the
35 prevention of crime and delinquency. The report shall also
36 include statistics which are comparable with national uniform
37 criminal statistics published by federal bureaus or departments
38 heretofore mentioned.

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